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It is to be regretted that more books of this description have not been written to assist the younger members of the profession in those states which have adopted the reformed procedure.

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A POCKET CODE OF THE RULES OF EVIDENCE IN TRIALS AT LAW. By JOHN HENRY WIGMORE. Boston: LITTLE, BROWN & Co. 1910. pp. liii, 566.

This little book is an abridgment of the author's five volume treatise. Its object as we are told in the preface, is to provide the practitioner with a handy summary of the existing rules of evidence, and at the same time to state them in a scientific form capable of serving as a code. Throughout there are frequent references to the larger work; otherwise no authorities are cited. Each alternate page is left blank for such annotation as the user may desire. In analysis the author has applied the same scientific method which is found in his larger work. It may be said, however, that it is a matter of some difficulty to accustom oneself to the use of such terms as "Testimonial Rehabilitation," "Autoptic Preference" and "Prophylactic Rules."

As is apparent from this description of the book, its use must be limited to trials and similar occasions when the lawyer desires a quick statement of a general principle. For the unanticipated objection for which there is no opportunity to prepare, the work will doubtless be of value. Certainly no one is better fitted to prepare such a book than is Professor Wigmore. But as it undertakes to state the law of all the states and merely indicates by the use of brackets such rules as are not universally accepted, the careful lawyer may well hesitate to rely upon it when he encounters these cautionary signs. Such a book would be of much greater value if it were restricted in scope to a single jurisdiction. In fact the author says in the preface, "a series of such Local Editions, completely annotated, is planned for a future time—at least in the jurisdictions having voluminous authorities." Very brief notes of the leading and exceptional cases would also enhance its worth.

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